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From The Desk Of Officer Mark R. Ruffennach

I hope everyone had a safe, wonderful and happy holiday season. I have several safety presentations already planned for 2005; so if you're thinking about having one, please call me as soon as possible. Something that concerns all of us in a very serious way is identity theft. For many who have become a victim of identity theft, they say it takes several years to get their lives back in order. Here is a quick tip of what you can do when it comes to combating identity theft. Call the fraud alert number of the Equifax Credit Bureau (www.equifax.com or 1-800-525-6285). Ask the Bureau to place fraud alerts on your credit reports at all three credit Bureaus. The other two are Trans Union (www.tuc.com or 1-800-888-4213) and Experian (www.experian.com or 1-888-397-3742). The service is **FREE!**

Sincerely,

Mark R. Ruffennach
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From The Desk Of Commander Michael D. Rosenberger

I am very proud of all the hard work and initiative displayed by the personnel and the many communities of District 2 over the course of 2004. Through everyone's efforts we were able to accomplish many of the action items we set in furtherance of the five district operational goals. I hope that we may continue through 2005 in making it as successful as we did this past year. Please accept my sincere appreciation for your contributions to the successes we have experienced over the year and I wish you all the best and safest new year to come. I look forward to another productive year working together to provide the most professional and efficient police service possible to the District 2 community members. In January, I will be crafting new action items in support of our operational goals.

Again, I thank everyone for their hard work and commitment to District 2 and the success that it is.

Sincerely,

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DON'T BE A VICTIM OF A BURGLARY

How can you make it more burglar resistant?

Reducing the risk of break-ins is simply a matter of making your home less inviting to burglars than other homes in the neighborhood. It's up to you. Trim trees and shrubs near your doors and windows, and think carefully before installing a high, fence around your back yard. High fences and shrubbery can add to your privacy, but privacy is a burglar's asset. Consider trading a little extra privacy for a bit of added security. Force any would-be burglar to confront a real enemy -- light. Exterior lights, mounted out of easy reach, can reduce the darkness a burglar finds comforting. In fact lighting has been proven to be the #1 deterrent to outdoor crime.

Outside doors should be metal or solid hardwood, and at least 1 3/4 inches thick. Frames must be made of equally strong material, and each door must fit its frame securely. Remember, if it is placed in a weak door, even the most efficient lock will not keep out a determined burglar. A 180 or 160-degree peephole or a wide-angle viewer in the door is safer for identifying visitors than a door chain. Sliding glass doors present a special problem because they are easy to open, but there are locks designed for them. A broomstick in the door channel can help, but don't depend on it for security, as a pin-lock is best.

To schedule a **FREE** security survey of your property, please call Officer Mark Ruffennach at (480) 312-5696. Each security survey is unique and takes approximately one hour.

Remember, if you see someone or something suspicious, please call the Scottsdale Police Department at (480) 312-5000 and be the best witness.

Up Coming Events



S.M.I.L.E. Is Coming To Scottsdale

The Internationally recognized safety clowns of S.M.I.L.E. (Safety Magic In Law Enforcement) will be performing their unique style of teaching safety messages to children on Thursday evening, January 27, 2005 from 6:30pm to 8pm at the Mustang Library, located at 10101 N. 90th St. Their target audience is kindergarten through 6th grade but anyone can come. Their unique style of teaching is by the use of magic, puppetry and clowning. The organization has won several prestigious awards. The program is **FREE!**

Martin Luther King Day

January 17th – City Offices Are Closed

Barrett Jackson Car Show And Auction

January 25th – 30th - Westworld

FBR Open

January 31st – February 6th @ Scottsdale's TPC



Police Officer Recruitment

The Scottsdale Police Department is actively seeking qualified individuals to become police officers. If you are interested or know someone who is, please call Officer Greg Carlin at (480) 312-5384 or e-mail him at: gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov